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Enclosed herewith is a new patent application and the following papers:

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Title of Invention: AUTOMATIC VENDING MACHINE HAVING A CONTROL SYSTEM CAPABLE OF EASILY AND RELIABLY REWRITING A CONTROL PROGRAM IN EACH TERMINAL CONTROL UNIT

1. Specification 19 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 15 claims (1 independent)
2. Declaration/Power of Attorney is:
 - attached in the regular manner.
 - NOT included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
3. 5 Distinct sheets of Formal Informal Drawings (Figs. 1-5)
4. Preliminary Amendment.
5. Information Disclosure Statement
 - Form 1449
 - A copy of each cited prior art reference
6. Assignment with Cover Sheet.
7. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)
Japan	306514/1999	28 October 1999

8. Priority document(s).
9. Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.
10. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix).
11. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission.
 - Computer Readable Copy.
 - Paper Copy (identical to computer copy).
 - Statement verifying identity of above copies.

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12. Calculation of Fees:

FEES FOR	EXCESS CLAIMS	FEE	AMOUNT DUE
Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))			\$710.00
Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	0	18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	0	80.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))	0	270.00	\$0.00
Subtotal - Filing Fee Due			\$710.00
	REDUCE BY (%) (\$)		
Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	0		\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE DUE			\$710.00
Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h))	1	40.00	\$40.00
GRAND TOTAL DUE			\$750.00

13. PAYMENT is:

- included in the amount of the GRAND TOTAL by our enclosed check. A general authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.25(b), second sentence, is hereby given to credit or debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for the instant filing and for any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18.
- not included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

14. All correspondence for the attached application should be directed to:

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